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Estimates

General Revenue Fund





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PREFACE

The **2013-14 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates** reports the requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund to fund the operations of the Legislative Assembly and its Offices for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2013. Together with the *2013-14 Government Estimates*, this document identifies the total requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund for the year.

This **Preface** provides a summary of the various kinds of information presented, an overview of the appropriations process, definitions of supply votes and selected terms, and a summary of major changes in organization.

The **Schedule of Amounts to be Voted** illustrates how the supply votes will be presented in the schedule to the *Appropriation Act, 2013* to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary information is provided in the following tables:

- Voted Spending by Office,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted by Office, and
- Full Time Equivalent Employment.

The **details provided for each office** presents information on amounts for each office to be drawn from the General Revenue Fund as required by section 24 of the *Financial Administration Act*. The details include the following information, as applicable:

- Amount to be Voted,
- Supplementary Financial Information (including a statement of objective and services provided),
- Voted Spending by Program,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted,
- Statement of Operations, and
- Cash Required for Capital Spending (where applicable).

Appropriations from the General Revenue Fund

In Alberta, the supply process is governed by the conventions and legal requirements of the Canadian Constitution, Alberta's *Financial Administration Act*, and the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

When the *2013-14 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* is tabled in the Legislative Assembly, it will be moved to Committee of Supply. The Standing Orders direct that Committee of Supply will vote on the report without debate or amendment. The supply votes as approved by the resolutions of Committee of Supply will be drafted into the *Appropriation Act, 2013 Bill* introduced to the Legislative Assembly. Once this bill is enacted by royal assent, the Legislative Assembly and its Offices will have the authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund up to the limits of the supply votes set out in the Act.

The *2013-14 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* details the estimated amounts required by each office for the coming year. Each Office's estimate amounts are divided into:

- those that require authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund under a supply vote pursuant to an appropriation act, and
- those that do not require a supply vote because no cash disbursement is required.

Most non-cash amounts are for expenses related to cash disbursed under a supply vote in a prior fiscal year. For example, amortization expense is related to the cash disbursements authorized under a capital supply vote when the capital asset was acquired. Other non-cash amounts are for transactions that will not require cash, such as the year-over-year changes in vacation benefit liabilities.

Definitions of Supply Votes and Other Terms

An **Estimate** is the amount requested by an Office of the Legislative Assembly to meet each of its planned commitments for the fiscal year. The *Financial Administration Act* requires the *2013-14 Office of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* to report estimates of any amount that will require a cash withdrawal from the General Revenue Fund during the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2013.

A **Supply Vote** is a discrete allocation from the 2013-14 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates that defines the amount of cash funding that may be drawn from the General Revenue Fund for a specified purpose. Unlike government departments, each office's cash funding requirements for any and all operational, capital and financial transactions requirements are combined in a single vote for each Office and the Assembly itself.

An **Appropriation** is an authorization to withdraw and expend public money from the General Revenue Fund or another provincial fund or account. The *Financial Administration Act* requires that all such authorities be provided in legislation passed by the Legislative Assembly. Appropriations may be created by an appropriation act or under an existing statute. Appropriations under an appropriation act must be created pursuant to a supply vote, or a set of supply votes, as resolved by the Committee of Supply.

Operational amounts are cash disbursements for the purposes of program spending on salaries, supplies and services, or grants.

Capital amounts are cash disbursements for the purposes of investments in capital assets valued at \$2,500 or more for the Legislative Assembly itself and \$5,000 or more for the Offices, or grants for capital purposes.

Financial Transactions are cash disbursements for the purposes of payments for the reduction of a liability (including debt repayment), expenses to be recognized in a future year, the acquisition of financial assets, or the acquisition of inventories.

Offices of the Legislative Assembly Organization and Budget Presentation Methodology

The 2013-14 *Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* reflect the organization of the Legislative Assembly and its Offices as of April 1, 2013. This report uses the same budget presentation methodology applied in the 2013-14 *Government Estimates*, and the amounts presented in this report are consolidated within the *Budget 2013 Fiscal Plan*.

On June 1, 2013 the *Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act* will be proclaimed and come into force during the 2013-14 fiscal year and make the Public Interest Commissioner an Officer of the Legislative Assembly. On consolidation into the *Budget 2013 Fiscal Plan*, the Office of the Public Interest Commissioner amounts become part of the total spending of the Legislative Assembly and its Offices.

Consistent with the 2013-14 *Government Estimates*, a number of changes in estimates presentation and reporting are being introduced for *Budget 2013*:

The supply vote definitions have been given new titles and more closely aligned with the structure of the *Budget 2013 Fiscal Plan* by concentrating all capital plan spending under the Capital purposes header.

Supply vote definitions have been further simplified to unify all inventory acquisitions under the Financial Transactions header. This change affects only the Support to the Legislative Assembly.

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED
SUPPLY VOTES AS PRESENTED IN THE APPROPRIATION BILL

OFFICE and VOTE	2013-14 Estimate	
Support to the Legislative Assembly	\$	71,421,000
Office of the Auditor General	\$	26,635,000
Office of the Ombudsman	\$	3,359,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	\$	5,683,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	\$	967,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$	6,867,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	\$	12,224,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	\$	1,460,000
Total amount to be voted under section 1 of the <i>Appropriation Act, 2013</i>		\$ 128,616,000

VOTED SPENDING BY OFFICE

(thousands of dollars)

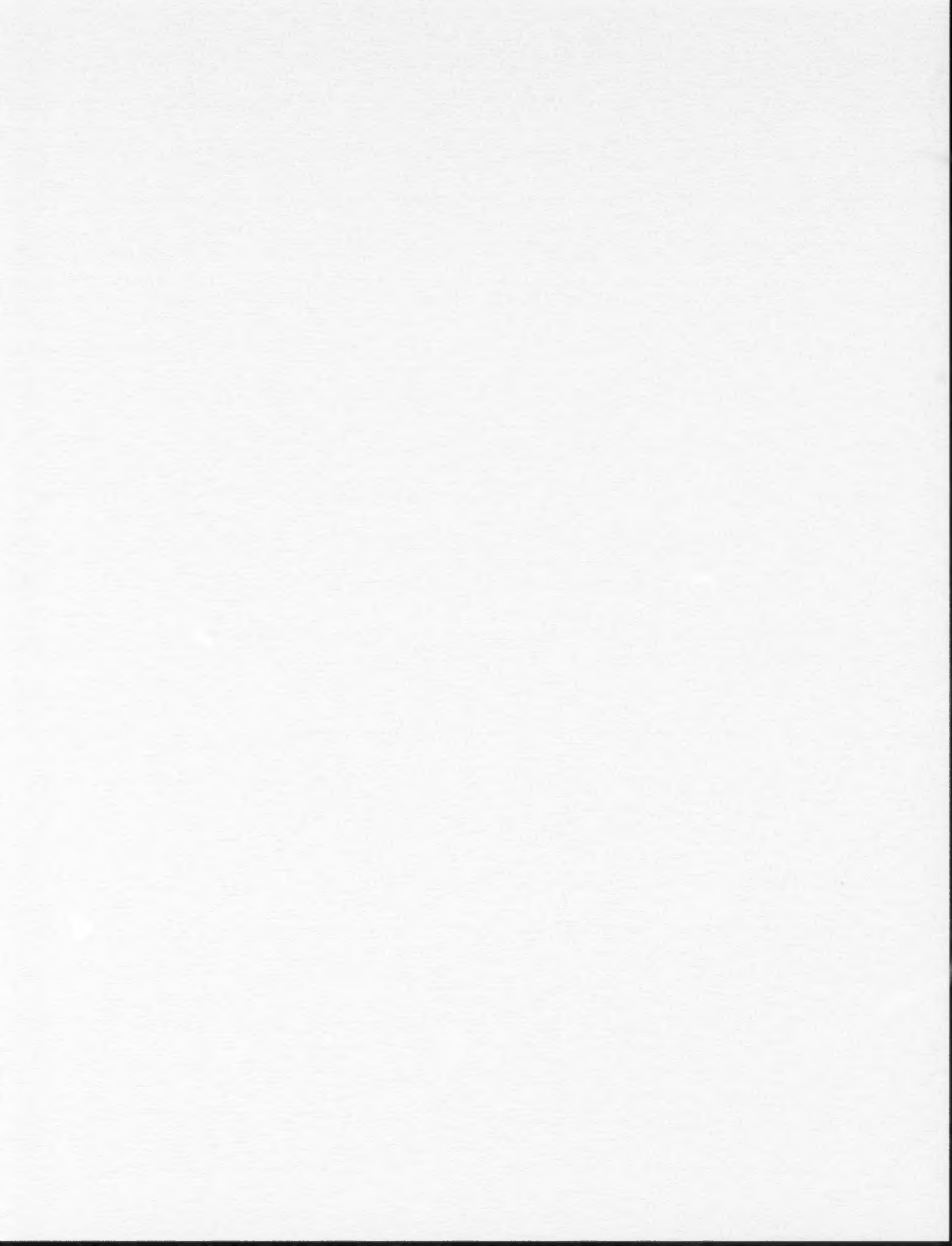
(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
		2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OPERATIONAL					
Support to the Legislative Assembly		52,690	62,445	58,938	67,249
Office of the Auditor General		23,934	25,395	25,285	26,075
Office of the Ombudsman		2,293	3,011	2,979	3,359
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer		11,833	22,900	17,950	5,133
Office of the Ethics Commissioner		736	940	923	967
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner		5,525	6,238	6,238	6,757
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate		8,027	11,038	10,642	12,149
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner		-	-	-	1,460
	Sub-total	105,038	131,967	122,955	123,149
CAPITAL					
Support to the Legislative Assembly		1,399	2,654	2,107	3,822
Office of the Auditor General		5	255	270	560
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer		375	300	350	550
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner		79	50	50	110
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate		-	-	-	75
	Sub-total	1,858	3,259	2,777	5,117
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS					
Support to the Legislative Assembly		238	315	290	350
Total		107,134	135,541	126,022	128,616

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED BY OFFICE

OPERATIONAL				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	1,267	315	1,319	350
Office of the Auditor General	275	290	330	295
Office of the Ombudsman	3	3	28	28
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	726	590	590	650
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	58	29	35	14
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	47	57	57	64
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	-	-	-	215
Total	2,376	1,284	2,359	1,616

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT

	Comparable 2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Estimate
Support to the Legislative Assembly	325	351
Office of the Auditor General	139	142
Office of the Ombudsman	23	25
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	16	18
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	4	4
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	40	42
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	60	61
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	-	5
Total	607	648





SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THE HONOURABLE GENE ZWOZDESKY

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

W.J. DAVID McNEIL

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them, Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Estimate
SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	54,327	65,414	61,335	71,421

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly including committees.

Provides for publication of Alberta Hansard, the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings, and Bills.

Provides for public information, public education and visitor services programs.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, public service and general public.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with inter-parliamentary relations activities.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone, and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' constituency and Legislature offices.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances, living expenses, and contributions for retirement investment plans to or on behalf of Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Provides for premiums for health and disability benefits for current and former Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides information technology services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for legal, procedural and security services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of expenses associated with the redevelopment of the Edmonton Federal Building for space to be occupied by the Legislative Assembly (in addition to costs borne by Alberta Infrastructure).

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2011-12	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14
		Actual	Budget	Forecast	Estimate
OPERATIONAL					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	17,485	21,269	18,454	22,303
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	29,259	33,763	33,212	36,431
3	Government Members' Services	2,932	3,935	3,369	3,318
4	Official Opposition Services	531	588	2,100	2,248
5	Liberal Opposition Services	1,382	1,606	882	827
6	NDP Opposition Services	556	588	737	754
7	Alberta Caucus Services	116	171	15	-
8	Independent Member's Services (Dr. Sherman, MLA)	41	-	-	-
9	Edmonton Federal Building Redevelopment Project	-	-	-	323
10	Caucus Funding Contingency	-	525	-	-
11	Employee Market Adjustment Contingency	-	-	-	1,045
12	MLA Compensation Review	388	-	169	-
	Sub-total	52,690	62,445	58,938	67,249
CAPITAL					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	1,351	1,865	1,543	50
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	48	350	125	126
9	Edmonton Federal Building Redevelopment Project	-	439	439	3,646
	Sub-total	1,399	2,654	2,107	3,822
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	238	315	290	350
Total		54,327	65,414	61,335	71,421

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

NON-CASH OPERATIONAL EXPENSE

Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	108	-	108	-
Amortization	1,029	-	1,029	-
Inventory Consumption	238	315	290	350
Total	1,375	315	1,427	350

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Estimate
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
Premium, Fees and Licences	-	1	1	1
Other Revenue	395	305	313	323
Total	395	306	314	324
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	54,065	62,760	60,365	67,599
Net Operational Result	(53,670)	(62,454)	(60,051)	(67,275)

CASH REQUIRED FOR CAPITAL SPENDING

CAPITAL SPENDING				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	1,399	2,654	2,107	3,822
Net Cash Obtained from/(Required for) Capital	(1,399)	(2,654)	(2,107)	(3,822)



OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

MERWAN N. SAHER
Auditor General

The mission of the Office of the Auditor General is to serve Albertans by conducting comprehensive risk-based audits that provide independent assessments to help the Legislative Assembly hold government accountable.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL	23,939	25,650	25,555	26,635

VISION

Adding value through expert auditing.

OBJECTIVE

To serve the Legislative Assembly and Albertans by examining and reporting publicly on government's management of, and accountability practices for, the public resources entrusted to it. Under the *Auditor General Act*, the Auditor General is the auditor of all government ministries, departments, funds and provincial agencies.

To be successful, the Office must both be, and be seen to be, independent and accountable.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The Office's core business is legislative auditing done through six lines of interrelated but separately distinguishable audit work:

1. **Financial statements**—providing assurance on the quality of the recurring financial reporting to the Legislative Assembly of 175 entities, including the government's consolidated financial statements.
2. **Compliance with laws**—identifying and reporting publicly if there has been non-compliance with the law.
3. **Performance measures**—reporting on the reliability, understandability, comparability, and completeness of selected performance measures.
4. **Results analysis**—developing a methodology to add credibility to management's analysis of performance.
5. **Systems**
 - **Stand-alone audits**—answering the question for major programs or initiatives, "Does the organization have the systems to accomplish its goals, including procedures to measure and report on effectiveness?"
 - **By-products of other audits**—recommending how to improve governance and accountability, internal control over financial management, information technology, or performance reporting.
6. **Research and advice**—researching to understand issues or to identify best practices. At the request of an organization of which the Office is the auditor, or a Committee of the Assembly, the Office may provide advice on a proposed course of action or a matter being studied.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2011-12	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14
		Actual	Budget	Forecast	Estimate
OPERATIONAL					
1	Office of the Auditor General	23,934	25,395	25,285	26,075
CAPITAL					
1	Office of the Auditor General	5	255	270	560
Total		23,939	25,650	25,555	26,635

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

NON-CASH OPERATIONAL EXPENSE

	Amortization	275	290	330	295
Total		275	290	330	295

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable		2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget		
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
Audit Services to Non-Government Organizations	2,924	2,300	2,350	2,450
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Auditor General	24,209	25,685	25,615	26,370
Net Operational Result	(21,285)	(23,385)	(23,265)	(23,920)

CASH REQUIRED FOR CAPITAL SPENDING

CAPITAL SPENDING				
Office of the Auditor General	5	255	270	560
Net Cash Obtained from/(Required for) Capital	(5)	(255)	(270)	(560)



OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

PETER HOURIHAN
Ombudsman

The Office of the Ombudsman promotes fairness in administrative actions of Alberta government departments, agencies, boards, commissions, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	2,293	3,011	2,979	3,359

OBJECTIVE

To conduct professional, independent and impartial investigations into complaints from people who believe that they have been treated unfairly through the administrative actions or decisions of Alberta government departments, agencies, boards, commissions, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services.

To provide recommendations as warranted.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Initiates and conducts investigations, in response to written letters of complaint, into administrative matters which fall within the Ombudsman's authority to investigate as determined by the *Ombudsman Act*.

Provides a referral and information service to direct people to the appropriate contact, department or other complaint mechanism for complaints both within and outside government.

Offers education/training to assist Alberta government departments, agencies, boards, commissions, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services in developing policy and procedures that enhance administrative fairness.

Offers outreach services across Alberta to increase/enhance awareness of the Office of the Alberta Ombudsman.

Conducts "own motion" investigations - this refers to instances where the Ombudsman, on his own initiative, decides to investigate an administrative issue within his jurisdiction.

Investigates administrative matters in response to ministerial requests or referrals from a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Estimate
OPERATIONAL					
1	Office of the Ombudsman	2,293	3,011	2,979	3,359
Total		2,293	3,011	2,979	3,359

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

NON-CASH OPERATIONAL EXPENSE

Amortization		3	3	28	28
Total		3	3	28	28

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable		2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget		
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Ombudsman	2,296	3,014	3,007	3,387
Net Operational Result	(2,296)	(3,014)	(3,007)	(3,387)



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

O. BRIAN FJELDHEIM
Chief Electoral Officer

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Estimate
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER	12,208	23,200	18,300	5,683

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. To monitor and record the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates, party leadership contests and third party advertisers to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides for the register of electors, elections, by-elections and plebiscites and for communication and liaison with the executive of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and their campaign officials, third party advertisers and the general public pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant Acts.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2011-12	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14
		Actual	Budget	Forecast	Estimate
OPERATIONAL					
1	Corporate Services	3,276	3,761	5,113	4,293
2	Elections	8,557	19,139	12,837	840
	Sub-total	11,833	22,900	17,950	5,133
CAPITAL					
1	Corporate Services	375	300	350	550
Total		12,208	23,200	18,300	5,683

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

NON-CASH OPERATIONAL EXPENSE

Amortization	726	590	590	650
Total	726	590	590	650

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
Other Revenue	11	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	12,559	23,490	18,540	5,783
Net Operational Result	(12,548)	(23,490)	(18,540)	(5,783)

CASH REQUIRED FOR CAPITAL SPENDING

CAPITAL SPENDING				
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	375	300	350	550
Net Cash Obtained from/(Required for) Capital	(375)	(300)	(350)	(550)



OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER

NEIL R. WILKINSON
Ethics Commissioner

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner is responsible for administering the *Conflicts of Interest Act* and the lobbyists registry under the *Lobbyists Act*. The Office also has responsibility for administering the Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest directive for designated senior officials.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER	736	940	923	967

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide elected Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials of the government with advice and recommendations regarding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities and to provide an impartial investigation of allegations of conflict of interest from the public and from elected Members.

To create and maintain a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and to investigate alleged breaches of the *Lobbyists Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Promotes the understanding by Members of the Legislative Assembly of their obligations under the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, by senior officials of their obligations under the directive issued by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, and by the public of conflict of interest obligations of Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials.

Obtains information from Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior government officials regarding their income, assets, liabilities, and financial interests and prepares public disclosure statements for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Investigates complaints received from the public or from an elected Member respecting an alleged breach of the *Conflicts of Interest Act* by a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides advice and recommendations on matters respecting obligations of the Members of the Legislative Assembly under the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, and of senior officials pursuant to the directive of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

Maintains a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and provides advice and information to lobbyists and citizens on matters covered by the *Lobbyists Act*.

Conducts investigations into possible contraventions of the *Lobbyists Act* and may require payment of an administrative penalty.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2011-12	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14
		Actual	Budget	Forecast	Estimate
OPERATIONAL					
1	Office of the Ethics Commissioner	736	940	923	967
Total		736	940	923	967

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

NON-CASH OPERATIONAL EXPENSE

	Amortization	58	29	35	14
Total		58	29	35	14

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	794	969	958	981
Net Operational Result	(794)	(969)	(958)	(981)



OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

JILL CLAYTON

Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is responsible for overseeing the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Health Information Act*, and the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER	5,604	6,288	6,288	6,867

VISION

A society that values and respects access to information and personal privacy.

OBJECTIVE

The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta (the Commissioner) is an independent Officer of the Legislature and reports directly to the Legislative Assembly.

Through the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC), the Commissioner performs the legislative and regulatory responsibilities set out in the following laws:

- the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP),
- the *Health Information Act* (HIA), and
- the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA)

SERVICES PROVIDED

The Commissioner is generally responsible for monitoring the administration of these laws (the Acts) to ensure their purposes are achieved. More specifically, the Commissioner's statutory powers and duties include, but are not limited to:

- Providing independent review and resolution on requests for review of responses to access to information requests and complaints related to the collection, use and disclosure of personal and health information
- Conducting investigations on any matters relating to the application of the Acts, whether or not a review/complaint is requested
- Conducting inquiries to decide questions of fact and law and issuing binding orders, whether or not a review is requested
- Receiving comments from the public concerning the administration of the Acts
- Giving advice and recommendations of general application respecting the rights or obligations of stakeholders under the Acts
- Engaging in or commissioning research into any matter affecting the achievement of the purposes of the Acts
- Commenting on the implications for freedom of information or for protection of personal privacy of proposed legislative schemes and existing or proposed programs
- Commenting on the implications for access to or protection of health information
- Commenting on the privacy and security implications of using or disclosing personal and health information for record linkages or for the purpose of performing data matching

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2011-12	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14
		Actual	Budget	Forecast	Estimate
OPERATIONAL					
1	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	5,525	6,238	6,238	6,757
CAPITAL					
1	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	79	50	50	110
Total		5,604	6,288	6,288	6,867

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

NON-CASH OPERATIONAL EXPENSE

Amortization		47	57	57	64
Total		47	57	57	64

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	2013-14 Estimate
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	5,572	6,295	6,295	6,821
Net Operational Result	(5,572)	(6,295)	(6,295)	(6,821)

CASH REQUIRED FOR CAPITAL SPENDING

CAPITAL SPENDING				
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	79	50	50	110
Net Cash Obtained from/(Required for) Capital	(79)	(50)	(50)	(110)



OFFICE OF THE CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCATE

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Child and Youth Advocate

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate champions for child and youth rights, amplifies child and youth voices, and fosters child and youth participation.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCATE	8,027	11,038	10,642	12,224

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate provides individual and systemic advocacy services for children and youth in the child intervention and youth criminal justice systems. The Advocate investigates systemic issues arising from serious injury to or death of a child receiving a designated service. In carrying out this function, the Advocate will have the powers of the Commissioner under the *Public Inquiries Act*. The Advocate may appoint lawyers to represent children with respect to any proceeding under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* and the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

1. Advocating on behalf of individual children and youth receiving designated services by ensuring that their rights, interests, and viewpoints are acknowledged and acted upon.
2. Provide quality legal representation to children and youth receiving services under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* or the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.
3. Conducting investigations into systemic issues arising from the serious injury to or death of a child receiving designated services.
4. The Advocate will promote the rights, interests and viewpoints of vulnerable children through participation in processes in which decisions are made about them, and through public education.
5. Identify areas of systemic improvements in government system that will enhance services for vulnerable children and youth.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2011-12	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14
		Actual	Budget	Forecast	Estimate
OPERATIONAL					
1	Child and Youth Advocate's Office	-	729	773	760
2	Child and Youth Advocacy	3,280	3,210	2,933	3,408
3	Legal Representation for Children and Youth	4,747	4,285	4,281	4,099
4	Quality Assurance and Investigations	-	472	470	991
5	Systemic Advocacy and Stakeholder Relations	-	972	881	1,325
6	Strategic Support	-	1,370	1,304	1,566
Sub-total		8,027	11,038	10,642	12,149
CAPITAL					
6	Strategic Support	-	-	-	75
Total		8,027	11,038	10,642	12,224

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amount is not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

NON-CASH OPERATIONAL EXPENSE					
	Amortization	-	-	-	215
Total		-	-	-	215

OFFICE OF THE CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCATE
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Child and Youth Advocate's Office	-	729	773	760
Child and Youth Advocacy	3,280	3,210	2,933	3,408
Legal Representation for Children and Youth	4,747	4,285	4,281	4,099
Quality Assurance and Investigations	-	472	470	991
Systemic Advocacy and Stakeholder Relations	-	972	881	1,325
Strategic Support	-	1,370	1,304	1,781
Total	8,027	11,038	10,642	12,364
Net Operational Result	(8,027)	(11,038)	(10,642)	(12,364)

CASH REQUIRED FOR CAPITAL SPENDING

CAPITAL SPENDING				
Strategic Support	-	-	-	75
Net Cash Obtained from/(Required for) Capital	-	-	-	(75)



OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner will be created as a new Office of the Legislative Assembly on June 1, 2013 by the proclamation of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*. The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner serves Albertans by facilitating the disclosure and investigation of significant matters relating to departments, public entities or offices of the legislature that employees believe may be unlawful, dangerous to the public or injurious to the public interest.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER	-	-	-	1,460

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner facilitates the disclosure and investigation of significant and serious matters in or relating to departments, public entities or offices of the Legislature, that an employee believes may be unlawful, dangerous to the public or injurious to the public interest; and to protect employees who make those disclosures. The Commissioner investigates and makes recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals; promotes public confidence in the administration of departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature. In carrying out these functions, the Commissioner may engage the services of any persons necessary to assist the Commissioner discharge the duties and functions under this or any other Act or regulation.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Facilitate the disclosure and investigation of significant and serious matters relating to departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

Protect employees who make those disclosures in accordance with the Act.

Manage, investigate and make recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals.

Promote public confidence in the administration of departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2011-12	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14
		Actual	Budget	Forecast	Estimate
OPERATIONAL					
1	Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	-	-	-	1,460
Total		-	-	-	1,460

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2013-14 Estimate
	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Forecast	
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE				
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	-	-	-	1,460
Net Operational Result	-	-	-	(1,460)